

Volunteers-in-Parks Newsletter

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



Valley Forge National Historical Park

Upcoming Events

January 1, 2017

January 3: (7pm): Friends Speaker Series (Preview of the Museum of the American Revolution)

Philadelphia's Museum of the American Revolution, opening April 19, 2017, will tell the dramatic story of the founding of our nation through immersive gallery experiences, object theaters, and recreated historical scenes.

January 13: (1-3pm): Active Shooter Training at Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site

VIPs are encouraged to attend this classroom training (no mock scenarios) and learn how to react during an Active Shooter Incident. Space is limited. Get details and sign up here: <https://goo.gl/forms/sdj8z8iogjS7Zuu73>.

January 19: (1-3pm): Active Shooter Training at Valley Forge National Historical Park

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February 7: (7pm): Friends Speaker Series (Ben Franklin's Navy)

The rarely told combination of adventure, intrigue, comedy, and tragedy that is the story of Franklin as the unofficial leader of the Continental Navy. For more information, visit <http://vfparkalliance.org/>

February 27: (1-3pm): Active Shooter Training at Valley Forge National Historical Park

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Volunteer & Park Updates

The park buildings will be closed on Dec. 25, 2016 and Jan. 1, 2017, however the park gates will be opened.

Scenes of the Schuylkill – a newly installed exhibit of the top 16 works of art juried by the Schuylkill River Heritage Area. The park exhibit will be on display through January 26th.

Looking for some heavy reading for those cold, snow days? Check out the Valley Forge Historical Research Report Volume 1 (of three volumes): https://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/online_books/vafo/report1.pdf.

Get ready for the opening of the Museum of the American Revolution: https://www.amrevmuseum.org/read-the-revolution/history/valley-forge-winter?utm_source=tw&utm_medium=post&utm_campaign=rtr.

Gear: Please let Cristina know if you need a name bar or winter uniform (long sleeved VIP uniform shirt).

Park Watch VIPs: Please remember to use the new Monthly Report form to submit your hours and reports starting in November. Hours should be submitted no later than the 5th of the following month (i.e. submit November hours no later than December 5th). While Ellen is out of the office (Nov-early March), all monthly reports, hours, or issues, should be submitted to Cristina.Ramirez@partner.nps.gov.

The Natural Resource Management division is receiving applications for summer 2017 internships. Please share with anyone that is interested in making an impact this summer. See attachment for more information.

Updates

Thank you for making our centennial year a memorable one. Please note that use of the centennial pins ends on December 31. They are a keepsake that should not be worn while volunteering after that date.

NPS has a number of other summer 2017 internship opportunities across the country—please share freely:

1. [Student Conservation Association Internships](#): Programs designed for a range of ages and needs.
2. [National Park Service Academy Application](#): An innovative, experiential learning program introduces undergraduate & graduate students from under-represented communities to NPS careers. **Due 1/8/17.**
3. [Young Leaders In Climate Change Application](#). For highly accomplished undergraduate and graduate students and recent graduates to work in national parks for 12 weeks on projects in climate change research, interpretation, park operations, policy development, and other fields. **Due 1/19/17.**
4. [Geoscientists In the Parks](#): Matches college students and recent graduates age 18 - 35 years old with short-term, paid, internships with NPS. **Due 2/2/2017.**
5. [Latino Heritage Internship Program Application](#): Trains young people in the skills of cultural, historical, natural resource management. Raises awareness of our national parks and historic sites, their accessibility and the need for the Latino community's involvement in their preservation. Only 18 highly motivated undergraduate and graduate students selected. **Due 2/6/17.**
6. [Mosaics In Science Application](#): Provides college students and recent graduates 18-35 years old that are under-represented in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) with NPS work experience. Interns work 11 weeks in a park followed by a 4 day career workshop in Washington, D.C.
7. [Historically Black Colleges and Universities Initiative Internship Program](#): innovative program brought to you by Greening Youth Foundation in partnership with NPS.
8. [Cultural Resources Diversity Internship Program](#): Introduces undergraduate and graduate students from under-represented communities to NPS career opportunities and other institutions focused on cultural resources and historic preservation. Summer internship info available by February 2017.

Safety Reminders

1. Please review the Valley Forge Superintendent's Compendium: <https://www.nps.gov/vafo/learn/management/upload/2015-VAFO-Compendium.pdf>.
2. Please program the Montgomery County Non-Emergency Line (610-275-1222) into your cell phone. For immediate emergencies (safety or medical) ALWAYS call 911. For all other circumstances call the Non-Emergency number—NOT the Ranger Station.
3. If there are hazardous weather conditions or you are not sure if the park is open, please call the Valley Forge Snow Line: 610-783-1095. Also, see attached updated Standard Operating Procedure for weather related closure or late opening of park offices and buildings.

Recent Events



Thank you to all of the VIPs who helped with March In 2016.